

## Senate Republican Floor Amendments

### Savings--\$458 million + 1,648 more higher ed slots

- **REJECTED: Restore six-month income verification (Sens. Pflug and Parlette):** Saves \$33 million in state funds by restoring the six-month income verification for children's medical coverage. (previously approved in 2003-05 budget, 28-20)
- **REJECTED: Govt. Tort Liability (Sen. Brandland):** Saves \$40 million by reducing funding for government liability and encouraging passage of government liability reform which reduces the state's exposure to lawsuits. (Government liability reform was approved by the Senate, 28-21 and 27-22 in 2003 and 2004; Roll call: 23-25)
- **REJECTED: Time Limit GAU (Sen. Zarelli):** Saves \$79 million more than the underlying budget by time-limiting general assistance to six months in any consecutive two-year period and establishing a 12-month life time limit for non-citizens who are not eligible for federal assistance. GAU was meant to temporarily help people who are unemployable due to short-term injury or illness. Federal assistance is available for those with long-term incapacity. (previously approved in 2003-05 budget, 28-20)
- **REJECTED: Bilingual Ed – 1 Year Immersion (Sen. Benson):** Save \$15 million by directing the state Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to direct schools receiving funding for bilingual education to transition to a one-year immersion program. The increased costs for the more intensive program are offset by savings realized by reducing length of time in bilingual programs. The number of students in bilingual education is roughly twice the number of students identified in the census as "not speaking English well."
- **REJECTED: Three Percent Staff Reduction with hardship exemption (Sens. Zarelli and Mulliken):** Saves \$150 million through a 3 percent reduction in force for agencies with more than 20 full-time employees with a provision allowing \$30 million to be released to address critical needs in agencies that can't meet the 3 percent reduction.
- **REJECTED: Contracting Out (Sen. Zarelli):** Collective bargaining was sold as a three-legged stool including civil service reform, collective bargaining and contracting out. However, to date the contracting-out piece has not been addressed. This amendment directs the state to contract out and reduces spending by \$50 million to reflect projected cost savings.
- **REJECTED: Stop Subsidizing Career Students (Sen. Mulliken):** Frees up 1,648 more higher education slots by requiring students who have accumulated more than 125 percent of the number of credits required to complete their degree to pay the full price of their college education with no state subsidy.

- **REJECTED: 10 percent reduction in travel and personal service contracts (Sen. Johnson):** Saves \$20 million by reducing appropriations for personal service contracts, equipment and travel.
- **REJECTED: Reduce State-Funded Anti-Smoking Advertising (Sen. Benson):** Saves a total of \$71 million by reducing state-funded anti-smoking advertising by half (\$26 million) and transferring \$45 million from the tobacco prevention control account to the general fund to be spent on health care programs.

#### **Adds—\$210 million**

- **REJECTED: Make Unfunded Liability Payments (Sen. Roach):** Spends \$171 million to fully fund our scheduled payment into the unfunded liability in Plan 1 of the Public Employees' and Teachers' Retirement Systems to protect the state from lawsuits for failure to keep the pension system actuarially sound. (Roll call: 23-25)
- **REJECTED: Close Fircrest and direct savings to persons with developmental disabilities (Sens. Mulliken and Zarelli):** Spends \$5 million to continue plans to close Fircrest school. (previously approved in 2003-05 budget, 28-20)
- **REJECTED: Eliminate State Toxics Account Transfer to General Fund (Sen. Esser):** Eliminates the \$7.2 million raid on the state toxics account that was created in 2001 to address navigational and environmental hazards caused by derelict vessels abandoned in the waters along the shorelines of the state. (Roll call: 25-23, failed to muster 60 percent necessary for budget amendments)
- **REJECTED: Eliminate Pollution Liability Insurance Program Trust Transfer to General Fund (Sen. Hewitt):** Eliminates the \$15 million raid on the state Pollution Liability Insurance Program Trust account that was created to provides a state financial responsibility program meeting EPA standards for owners and operators of underground petroleum storage tanks.
- **REJECTED: Eliminating the State Parks Day Fee (Sen. Morton):** Ends the \$5 state parks day fee and spends \$8 million to replace lost revenue. (Roll call: 25-23, failed to muster 60 percent necessary for budget amendments)
- **REJECTED: Benefits for Agency Home Care Workers (Sen. Zarelli):** Spends \$4 million in state dollars to extend dental, vision and vacation benefits for agency homecare workers similar to individuals who contract directly with the state for homecare services.

#### **Other:**

- **PASSED: Brainwave cognitive recognition technology (Sen. Brandland):** Provides \$250,000 to the Criminal Justice Training Commission for experimentation with the use of brainwave cognitive recognition technology.

- **REJECTED: Bilingual Education Study (Sen. Benson):** Spends \$125,000 to study the transitional bilingual education program and report on success.
- **REJECTED: Medicaid Reform Study (Sen. Parlette):** Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee to study and report on comprehensive approaches developed in other states to limit the growth in Medicaid expenditures.
- **REJECTED: Applying the Initiative 601 growth factor limit to agency fees (Sen. Schoesler):** Deletes all legislative authorizations for agency fees to increase above the fiscal growth factor in I-601.
- **PASSED: Fair study (Sens. Parlette, Mulliken, Morton, Hewitt, Honeyford and Schoesler):** Provides \$73,000 to conduct an economic impact study on Washington state fairs.